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October 12, 2021

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities P.O. Box 21040 120 Torbay Road St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention: G. Cheryl Blundon Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

# Re: Newfoundland Power's 2022/2023 General Rate Application – Witness List and Issues List

Please find enclosed the original and 10 copies of Newfoundland Power's Witness List and Issues List.

Given the early stage of this proceeding, Newfoundland Power expects that both its Witness List and Issues List will be updated, as necessary, prior to the hearing to better reflect (i) the matters in issue in the Application as disclosed by other parties in their Witness Lists and Issues Lists and (ii) the appropriate witnesses Newfoundland Power will call to address those matters.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Lindsay Hollett Legal Counsel

Enclosures

c. Shirley Walsh Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Dennis Browne, Q.C. Browne Fitzgerald Morgan & Avis

## IN THE MATTER OF the Public

Utilities Act, R.S.N.L. 1990, Chapter P-47, as amended, (the "Act"); and

**IN THE MATTER OF** a general rate application (the "Application") by Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power") to establish customer electricity rates for 2022 and 2023.

# APPLICANT'S ISSUES LIST (Submitted October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

In the Applicant's Submission, the issues arising in this proceeding, are as follows:

- A. Issues Affecting Revenue Requirements:
- 1. 2022 Forecast Revenue Requirements from rates of \$715,364,000 and 2023 Forecast Revenue Requirements from rates of \$712,803,000.
- 2. 2022 and 2023 Test Year Operating Costs.
- 3. Customer Energy and Demand Forecast.
- 4. Approval of a change in the amortization period for customer conservation and demand management program costs from 7 years to 10 years and amortization of electrification program costs over 10 years.
- 5. Approval, with effect from January 1, 2022, of a change in the calculation of depreciation expense.
- 6. Approval, with effect from March 1, 2022, to:
  - (a) amortize the recovery over a 34-month period of an estimated \$1 million in Board and Consumer Advocate costs related to the Application;
  - (b) amortize the recovery over a 34-month period of a forecast 2022 revenue shortfall of an estimated \$1,262,000.
- 7. Approval, with effect from January 1, 2023, of revisions to its General Expenses Capitalized calculation.

#### **B.** Issues Affecting Return on Rate Base:

- 8. Approval of 2022 forecast average rate base of \$1,239,558,000 and of 2023 forecast average rate base of \$1,289,405,000.
- 9. Approval of a return on average rate base for 2022 of 7.19% within a range of 7.01% to 7.37% and a return on average rate base for 2023 of 6.97% in a range of 6.79% to 7.15%.
- 10. Continued suspension of the use of the automatic adjustment formula to determine Newfoundland Power's allowed rate of return on rate base.

#### C. Issues Affecting Rates:

11. Approval of rates, toll and charges effective for service provided on and after March 1, 2022, which result in average increases in customer rates by class as follows:

Rate Class	Average Increase
Domestic	0.8%
General Service 0-100 kW (110 kVA)	0.8%
General Service 110-1000 kVA	0.8%
General Service 1000 kVA and Over	0.8%
Street and Area Lighting	0.8%

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

# **NEWFOUNDLAND POWER INC.**

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## NEWFOUNDLAND POWER'S WITNESS LIST (October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

Newfoundland Power currently expects it may call the following witnesses in this proceeding:

- 1. Mr. Gary Murray, President and Chief Executive Officer;
- 2. Ms. Paige London, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer;
- 3. Mr. Byron Chubbs, Vice President, Engineering and Energy Supply;
- 4. Mr. Michael Comerford, Manager, Regulation; and
- 5. Mr. James Coyne, Concentric Energy Advisors.

Newfoundland Power reserves the right to call further or other witnesses as it considers appropriate to respond to issues or matters arising from the issues raised by the other parties.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

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